GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
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Crime against Foreign Tourists
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of sexual harassment of foreign tourists have been reported in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such cases registered and persons arrested along with the action taken against the guilty during each of the last three years and the current year, State and crime-wise;

(c) Whether the Government is aware that incidents of sexual harassment on foreign tourists have created negative impact on Indian tourism sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to curb such incidents in future along with the advisories issued to the State Governments and Police Departments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (d) As per information provided by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 33 cases in 2014 and 15 cases in 2015 were registered under assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty under crime
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against foreign tourists. A total of 3 cases in 2014 and 1 case in 2015 were registered under insult to the modesty of women under crimes against foreign tourists. State/UT-wise and crime-head-wise cases registered, persons arrested, cases chargesheeted, persons chargesheeted, cases convicted and persons convicted under crimes against foreign tourists during 2014 and 2015 are enclosed as Annexure I & II respectively.

(e): 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects as per the provisions of the Constitution of India, the responsibilities of maintaining law and order, registration and prosecution of crimes rest primarily with the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism has issued guidelines on Safety & Security for State Governments/Union Territories and tips for travellers.

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